

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 5-15 and 17-22 remain in this application.

Claims 3, 4, 5 and 16 have been canceled.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 4-6, 9, 18 and 21 are directed to allowable subject matter.

In response to the Office Action of November 14, 2003, Applicant requests re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 4-6, 9, 18 and 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including limitations of the base claim.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion allowable subject matter has been added to the base claims. The Examiner should now find the claims in condition for allowance.

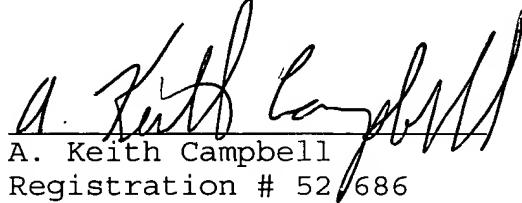
Rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

In rejecting the instant invention, the Examiner noted that certain features of the instant invention were not included within the base claims. Accordingly these limitations have now been added to the base claims. The Examiner should now find the claims in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendment to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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